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Honorable Kurt Heise, Chair  
Criminal Justice Committee  
Michigan House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Heise and Committee members,


The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police believes that methamphetamine is a current and present danger that undermines our communities. We have watched it weaken our social structure, inflict medical injury to our citizens and saddle our communities with financial burden on a daily basis. It is a social plague that must be controlled.

Pseudoephedrine is the precursor chemical for all of the common methods of production of methamphetamine. Therefore, control and monitoring of pseudoephedrine is the best way to combat Meth. That is why we support the bills listed below as solid steps in controlling use of pseudoephedrine for the production of methamphetamine.

Studies in other states clearly demonstrate that the requirement of a prescription, for the purchase of pseudoephedrine, reduces domestic meth production. The Chief's Association supports Senate bills SB 535 and SB 756, common sense approach of requiring persons, who have already violated meth laws, to consult with a physician before being allowed to purchase pseudoephedrine. While this requirement does not restrict the general public; it does give them additional protection from convicted meth offenders having easy access to the primary component for meth. We ask the Criminal Justice Committee to also support these bills.

The Association strongly supports legislative bills HB 5363 and SB 563 which criminalize purchasing or possessing pseudoephedrine to make meth (smurfing). We believe that these bills will directly and indirectly reduce smurfing with their criminal penalties and as a result of convicted smurfs being subject to the NPLEX stop-sale alert of SB 756. The Michigan Chiefs respectfully ask you to give these bills your consideration and support.

Finally the MACP asks the Committee to support House bills HB 5089 and HB 5090 which makes soliciting another person to purchase pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing meth a 10 year felony. We believe that this will pose a strong deterrent to those who recruit and manage organized straw purchases for meth cooks. We also believe that it will be a strong tool for prosecuting meth cooks who must, as part of cooking meth, obtain pseudoephedrine from others.

  
Chief Martin Underhill, Vice President  
Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.